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Dear Examiner:

The following communication is responsive to the Office Action mailed January 24, 2007, due on or before April 24, 2007. The Applicants herein file a request for a one-month extension of time from April 24, 2007 to May 24, 2007, together with the appropriate fee. If additional fees are necessary, Applicants hereby authorize the Commissioner of the Patent and Trademark Office to charge Attorney Docket Account No. 08-1290, referencing Attorney Docket No.: ISIS-10468 when charging Attorney Deposit Account.

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